

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the application, with Claims 1 and 2 being independent. Claims 3-5 and 9-11 have been amended herein.

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-11 are allowed. Although minor changes have been made to certain allowed dependent claims, these changes were made merely to improve their form and are not believed to affect the allowability of the claims. The changes have not been made for any reasons related to patentability.

The specification was objected to for a minor informality. In response, the specification has been amended at page 21, line 27 in the manner suggested by the Examiner. In addition, other minor informalities in the specification have been resolved herein to place the application in an improved form. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification are requested.

The drawings were objected to for including reference numeral 29 in Fig. 4 without a corresponding mention in the specification, and for using reference numeral 2 to designate two different elements in Figs. 1 and 5. Regarding reference numeral 29, the specification has been amended in the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 23 to include reference thereto. Regarding reference numeral 2, Fig. 1 has been amended in the accompanying Letter Transmitting Corrected Formal Drawing to designate the feed roller

with reference numeral 4. Corresponding changes have been made in the specification. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the drawings are requested.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably defined by Claims 1-11 and that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowability are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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